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SUBJ: VICE PRESIDENT YEN VISITS HAITI

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1. ROC VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS. YEN CHIA-KAN PAID AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO HAITI DECEMBER 4-7, 1974 THAT, ALTHOUGH STRICTLY CEREMONIAL IN NATURE, UNDERSCORED AND PROBABLY STRENGTHENED THE SYMPATHETIC UNDERSTANDING WHICH EACH GOVERNMENT HOLDS FOR THE OTHER. THE GOH WENT ALL OUT TO MAKE THE VISIT A SUCCESS, EVEN ASSIGNING THREE SENIOR OFFICERS AS YEN'S PERSONAL AIDES-DE-CAMP.

2. THE HIGHLIGHTS OF YEN'S STAY WERE A CALL UPON PRESIDENT DUVALIER DECEMBER 4, FOLLOWED BY A LARGE EVENING RECEPTION HOSTED BY ROC AMBASSADOR KIANG, AND A DINNER DECEMBER 6 HOSTED BY FOURNIER FORTUNE PRESIDENT OF HAITI'S HIGHEST COURT, THE COUR DE CASSATION. THROUGHOUT THE GRUELING ROUND OF RECEPTIONS, DINNERS, WREATH LAYINGS, HONOR GUARD INSPECTIONS, AND VISIT TO MUSEUMS, YEN DISPLAYED AN AFFABLE, QUIET DIGNITY THAT SET JUST THE RIGHT NOTE FOR HIS GOOD WILL MISSION. THE GOH HAS KNOWN PERIODS OF EXTREME DIPLOMATIC ISOLATION, AND PRESIDENT DUVALIER SEEMINGLY ADMIRES THE ROC'S GRITTY DETERMINATION TO SURVIVE AND PROSPER DISPUTE ADVERS WORLD POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS.

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3. SUBSTANTIVELY THE EXCHANGE OF SPEECHES WAS CONVENTIONAL,
AND THE RENEWAL AND EXPANSION OF TAIWAN'S AGRICULTURAL AGREEMENT
WITH HAITI HAD ALREADY BEEN ANNOUNCED LAS NOVEMBER (PAUP
A-187, ITEM 11). HOWEVER, FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECRETARY BRUTUS
LATER SAID PRIVATELY THAT YEN HAD EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST
IN INCREASING ROC AID THROUGH A SOYBEAN CULTIVATION PROJECT
ADN A POSSIBLE INDUSTRIAL PROJECT. ISHAM

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